

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-23 (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) A condenser, comprising:

a tube block comprised of tubes and fins;

a header arranged on each end of the tube block and communicating with the tubes;

a collector which is arranged in parallel with and connected to one of the headers by means of an inflow opening and an outflow opening, the collector including a selectively removable closure stopper at one end of the collector located in the region of the outflow opening; and

an insert which is connected to the closure stopper and includes a circumferential sealing member arranged between the inflow opening and the outflow opening, and a filter unit (1) that defines the insert as a separate functional unit, (2) that comprises a cage member defining a generally hollow, unfilled space within it and openings on its lateral sides that are covered by a filter material, and (3) that is arranged in the region of the outflow opening;

wherein the cage member of the insert comprises a pot-shaped design having a bottom, a sidewall and an edge, the sidewall having said openings positioned above the bottom, and wherein the sealing member comprises a circumferential sealing lip being arranged at said edge.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] condenser as claimed in claim 24, wherein the insert is selectively detachably connected to the closure stopper.

27. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] condenser as claimed in claim 24, wherein the insert is embodied in one piece with the closure stopper.

28. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] condenser as claimed in claim 27, wherein the insert and the closure stopper are manufactured as an injection molded part.

29. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] condenser as claimed in claim 28, wherein the injection molded part is manufactured from plastic.

30. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] condenser as claimed in claim 28, wherein the injection molded part is manufactured from an aluminum alloy.

31. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] condenser as claimed in claim 25, wherein the outer surface of the pot-shaped wall forms, with the inner wall of the collector in the region of the outflow opening, an annular chamber.

32. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] condenser as claimed in claim 24, further comprising a granular desiccant in a separate container positioned above the insert.

33. (Previously Presented) A condenser, comprising:

a tube block comprised of tubes and fins;

a header arranged on each end of the tube block and communicating with the tubes;

a collector which is arranged in parallel with and connected to one of the headers by means of an inflow opening and an outflow opening, the collector including a selectively removable closure stopper at one end of the collector located in the region of the outflow opening; and

an insert embodied as a single-piece component comprising the closure stopper and a cage-like sleeve, wherein the insert includes a circumferential sealing member arranged between the inflow opening and the outflow opening, and a drying and filter unit that (1) comprises a lower compartment in said cage-like sleeve defining a generally hollow, unfilled space within it and openings on its lateral sides that are covered by a first filter material, said lower compartment being arranged in the region of the outflow opening, and (2) comprises an upper compartment in said cage-like sleeve containing a desiccant.

34. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] condenser as claimed in claim 33, wherein the upper compartment of the cage-like sleeve has window-like breakthroughs which are covered by a second filter material.

35. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] condenser as claimed in claim 34, wherein the second

filter material has a coarser mesh than ~~[[that]]~~ the first filter material.

36. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ condenser as claimed in claim 33, wherein the insert is made of plastic and the closure stopper portion of the insert has a hollow indentation and at least one circumferential annular groove containing an O ring that is positioned radially of said indentation.

37. (Previously Presented) An insert part for a collector of a condenser for an automotive air-conditioning system of the type including a tube block comprised of tubes and fins, a header arranged on each end of the tube block and communicating with the tubes, and a collector which is arranged in parallel with and connected to one of the headers by means of an inflow opening and an outflow opening, wherein the collector includes a selectively removable closure stopper at one end of the collector located in the region of the outflow opening, the insert part comprising:

an insert which is at least connectable to the closure stopper and includes a circumferential sealing member arranged to be located between the inflow opening and the outflow opening when the insert is connected to the closure stopper, and a filter unit (1) that defines the insert as a separate functional unit, (2) that comprises a cage member defining a generally hollow, unfilled space within it and openings on its lateral sides that are covered by a filter material, and (3) that is arranged to be located in the region of the outflow opening when the insert is connected to the closure stopper, wherein the cage member of the insert comprises a pot-shaped design having a bottom, a sidewall and an edge, the sidewall having said openings positioned above the bottom, and wherein the sealing member comprises a circumferential sealing lip being arranged at said edge.

38. (Previously Presented) The insert part as claimed in claim 37, wherein the insert is selectively detachably connected to the closure stopper.

39. (Previously Presented) The insert part as claimed in claim 37, wherein the insert is embodied in one piece with the closure stopper.

40. (Previously Presented) The insert part as claimed in claim 39, wherein the insert and the closure stopper are manufactured as an injection molded part.

41. (Previously Presented) The insert part as claimed in claim 39, wherein the injection molded part is manufactured from plastic.

42. (Previously Presented) An insert part for a collector of a condenser for an automotive air-conditioning system of the type including a tube block comprised of tubes and fins, a header arranged on each end of the tube block and communicating with the tubes, and a collector which is arranged in parallel with and connected to one of the headers by means of an inflow opening and an outflow opening, wherein the collector includes a selectively removable closure stopper at one end of the collector located in the region of the outflow opening, the insert part comprising:

an insert embodied as a single-piece component comprising the closure stopper and a cage-like sleeve, wherein the insert includes a circumferential sealing member arranged to be located between the inflow opening and the outflow opening when the insert is connected to the closure stopper, and a drying and filter unit that (1) comprises a lower compartment in said cage-like sleeve defining a generally hollow, unfilled space within it and openings on its lateral sides that are covered by a first filter material, said lower compartment being arranged to be located in the region of the outflow opening when the insert is connected to the closure stopper, and (2) comprises a separate upper compartment in said cage-like sleeve for containing a desiccant.

43. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] condenser as claimed in claim 42, wherein the upper compartment of the cage-like sleeve has window-like breakthroughs which are covered by a second filter material.

44. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] condenser as claimed in claim 43, wherein the second filter material has a coarser mesh than [[that]] the first filter material.

45. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] condenser as claimed in claim 42, wherein the insert is made of plastic and the closure stopper portion of the insert has a hollow indentation and at least one circumferential annular groove containing an O ring that is positioned radially of said indentation.

46. (New) The insert part as claimed in claim 37, wherein the insert part is configured so

that a granular desiccant in a separate container is positioned above the insert when the insert part is in use with a condenser.